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Dear J.B.Stoner,

Thanks for your letter of the ~~27th~~ 25th.

The so-called Psychological Stress Evaluator is much more subjective than the polygraph. The "operator" can interpret almost any way he wants to.

I believe your work, manipulate, is the correct one.Lead-pipe cinch.

You ask about the House assassinations committee.

It is not out of business, deals are being made and I expect the odds are that it will be continued. The deals involve restrictions to be imposed upon it. I have heard reports of what these may include but it is not yet firmed up. I believe the Rules committee is to deliberate Wednesday.

These gadgets are certainly out. There is little likelihood that there will not be an effort to restrict them to observance of legal rights.

The have been on temporary funding at about 35% less than when they were authorized. This is limited now to salaries and things like that.

But they are still pulling only propaganda, no real investigations. Most of what they have leaked as the result of their own unique investigatory daring I published years ago.

I think it is probably that the leadership merely danced a fancy step in the referral to the Rules committee.

The black caucus reportedly has launched a fight to help these characters. They have been conned by Lane on the King assassination. I have no personal knowledge of this. It was a weekend radio news item. On the conning I do ~~xxxxxx~~ have knowledge. it is fact.

Too bad there does not seem to be a good chance of a real investigation by these people.

I was in Washington today but for other purposes so I did not have time to check into the committee status. It is not only my impression that the committee will be continued but at a lower funding than asked. It is the opinion of those reporters who call me from time to time.

I have a notion that when there is a continuation, whatever the funding, Sprague will beat his chest, proclaim that he has done all he can and return to the much more profitable practise he can have.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg